THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, there are those who take food and those who vend food. Those who vend food are more interested than those who take it."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Is it not a fact that when there is a conflict between the legislators and the villagers concerned, preference is always given to the opinion of the legislators with the result that political affiliation plays a great part in the constitution of these village committees? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not see that any conflict between the villagers and the legislators can arise in a committee. The choice is left to the Tahsildar who acts under instructions from the Government and it is always open to the aggrieved party to represent the facts to the Government if there is any injustice."

K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether it is not a fact that even after the villagers have expressed their opinion in regard to the selection of all the candidates legislators have intervened and their opinion had prevailed. There are even cases in which legislators had intervened even after the committees had been constituted and the Presidents of Committees had been elected? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member probably wants a general answer to the question."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, were there occasions when Government had to intervene and restore a person who is not popular with the local representatives in the villages? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is again a general question to answer."

The Tungabhadra Project.

* 17 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of wet area that was expected to be irrigated by the Tungabhadra project when it was first taken up or inaugurated ;

(*b*) why that area has been reduced now;

(*c*) the area (wet and dry) that will be irrigated in His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions under the project ;

(*d*) the quantity of electrical energy that will be developed for utilization in the said area ;

(*e*) why the high-level canal is given up ;

(*f*) (i) what is the quantity of water impounded in the Tungabhadra Reservoir;

(ii) how much is utilized for irrigation in Bellary and Kurnool districts;

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(iii) how much is utilized by His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Government;

(iv) how much is allowed to pass on into the Kistna river; and

(*g*) whether manual or mechanical labour is necessary for lifting up of water from the channels for purposes of wet or dry irrigation?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The extent of cultivation that was expected to be irrigated under the Scheme as first investigated in 1905 was 600,000 acres wet and 220,000 of dry irrigated crops. The extent under the present Scheme is 15,000 acres wet in addition to 15,000 acres garden crops and 264,219 acres of dry irrigated crops.

" (*b*) The present Scheme is only a partial Scheme based on the quantity of water now available for sharing between the Madras and Hyderabad Governments according to the Agreement between the two Governments;

" (*c*) & (*d*) Information is not available and has been asked for from the Hyderabad Government;

" (*e*) No final decision has yet been reached in regard to the High Level Canal;

" (*f*) (i) The total quantity of water impounded for irrigation is 130 t.m.c.ft. according to the Agreement of 1944 with the Hyderabad Government;

(ii) & (iii) 65 t.m.c.ft. by each Government;

(iv) This has to be determined by the Board of Chief Engineers in due course;

" (*g*) The Special Chief Engineer has reported that no manual or mechanical labour is required for lifting of water from the channels as irrigation of wet and dry crops in the Project area will be by gravitation flow only."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the reason is for the delay in arriving at a decision in regard to the High Level Canal? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" We must know the quantity of water available and that we have not yet been able to assess."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister referred to some agreement with the Hyderabad Government in respect of sharing of waters. May I know whether the share that comes to the Madras Government will not enable them also to undertake the High Level Canal? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" That does not enable us to decide on the High Level Canal, Sir."